



## **Michigan National Organization for Women**

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Testimony  
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Before the Michigan House Criminal Justice Committee  
Re: HB 4833 and HB 4834

Good morning Mr. Chair and members of the committee. My name is Bobbie Walton and I come before you today to testify on House Bills 4833 and 4834 for the members of the National Organization for Women in Michigan, Michigan NOW.

We oppose House Bills 4833 and 4834 for the following reasons.

These bills, if signed into law, would endanger women's access to reproductive healthcare. These bills would prevent doctors from providing the safest care to their patients. These bills would place an undue burden on a woman's safe and legal access to the full range of reproductive health care.

It is best for healthcare professionals and their patients to decide the best methods to use in providing safe and legal abortion. These bills would impose abortion methods decided by legislators, not the healthcare professionals who care for women's medical needs.

As a long-time advocate for women I speak for our nation's premiere women's organization in opposing these bills. Michigan NOW speaks for the freedom of women and the protection of our constitutional rights.

If the members of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Michigan Legislature truly want to protect women and provide us with the best in healthcare, you will vote "No" on bills 4833 and 4834.

*NOW's purpose is to take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men.*